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HERRING NEWS CONFLICTING.

Late Advices Report None at Bonne Bay, N. F.

Late advices from Bay of Islands, N. F., state that there are now a few herring reported in the Arms. The situation is dull at Bonne Bay and some herring are reported to have struck in at Fortune Bay and a number of hundred barrels barred there. According to the late reports the weather has been mild, even milder than it has been here.

On Thursday no herring at all were reported at Bonne Bay, which would indicate that the season there is nearing the end. Several vessels which were about to leave Bay of Islands for Bonne Bay have changed their minds and will not go there, and unless herring are more plentiful at the latter place soon, the fleet of 15 sail now there are expected back at Bay of Islands. The few herring recently taken at Bay of Islands are large. The fishermen report that the herring are in deep water, in places where it is difficult to fish. Schs. Oriole and George Parker have arrived.

Late dispatches at Bay of Islands from Bonne Bay are widely at variance. One said that herring were quite plentiful and counted 275 to a tub, while others stated that the fish had been not so plentiful as they were a few days ago and that the fish were mixed and small.

A message from Fortune Bay, received at Bay of Islands, stated that herring are striking in there and that several hundred barrels had been taken.

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CLAMS GIVEN UP BY SEA.

Superior Variety Thrown Up on Shore at Hull by the Storm.

During the recent storm sea clams, varying in weight from one to four pounds, were thrown up on the beach at Hull, and men, women and children gathered them with great glee. Sea clams are hard to get, for they are seldom to be found on the beach above low water mark. Only the most intrepid clammers venture for them and a few can be secured at one time. It is said they are superior to the others in flavor as well as size.

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Sardine Factory Closed.

One of the sardine factories of the Sea Coast Canning Co., in Eastport, Me., was recently closed for the season, and during the present week it is expected that other of the canning plants will close as the herring are unusually scarce for this part of the season. It is claimed that the average factory at Eastport is at present being kept open at a loss. The date for the general closing of the sardine business is December 1.

Sch. Norman Fisher Sold.

Sylvanus Smith Co., (Incorporated) have sold to M. Folke of St. Pierre, Miquelon, the sch. Norman Fisher, 80 tons gross, 51 tons net, built at this port in 1894.

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Sch. Harry A. Nickerson Still Storm-bound.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson of this port is still anchored at Boston quarantine grounds. She was driven in late Monday night by the heavy northeaster. The vessel had 160,000 pounds of salted cod, the result of a seven weeks' visit to Quero Banks. She was too far south to fetch this port, where her catch is destined, and her skipper bore up for Boston. Early yesterday the Nickerson started out for this port, but was obliged to put back.

Fresh Fish Fare Sold.

The fare of fresh fish of sch. Ingomar sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company at \$4 per hundred weight for haddock, right through, and \$5 for codfish.

Stocked \$1553.30.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, stocked \$1553.30 on her recent haddock trip.

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HADDOCK SELL AT \$8 PER CWT.

Reached Highest Price of the Season at Boston.

There is only one fishing arrival at T wharf this morning, sch. Catherine and Ellen, of the off-shore fleet, with 24,000 pounds of fresh fish. The market is the highest of the winter, new haddock touching \$8, a most unusual figure for off-shore fish, while old haddock sold for \$4.60, which figure, at any season of the year is a big price for even new shore stock.

Large cod brought \$6.75 with hake solid on the \$5 market and pollock set at \$3.60. Of course the one fare will not go far, so the majority of the dealers are straining their eyes looking down the harbor and hoping for more off-shore vessels to come, knowing there is no show of any of the market boats coming in.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Fannie Belle Atwood came in from South Channel with 22,000 pounds and profited well as did the little steam netter Quoddy which had 2000 pounds of live cod, having set and hauled her nets off Plymouth yesterday forenoon, probably the only fishing craft on the coast to do any fishing yesterday. She went right out, intending to fish today and be in again before night.

Dealers, who depended upon their agents on Cape Cod for fish, were in trouble Monday. The train which brings the fish is usually in the freight yard in time for delivery at 7 o'clock in the morning, but Monday it did not arrive until 4 p. m.

The last car of silverside and steel-head salmon from Washington state arrived yesterday. There are 25 boxes of salmon on the car, the last taken before the season closed. From this out for some time western salmon will be dearer, as there will be only express shipments of two or three boxes received each day from the Columbia river fisheries.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts in detail are:

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 6500 haddock, 6000 cod, 8000 hake, 2000 pollock. Steamer Quoddy, 2000 cod.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 6000 haddock, 6000 cod, 8000 hake, 4000 pollock.

Haddock, \$4.60 to \$8 per cwt.; large cod, \$6.75; market cod, \$3.90; hake, \$5; pollock, \$3.60.

Portland Fish Notes.

The wholesale fish dealers were made happy Monday by the arrival of a large fleet which came in from the fishing grounds. The fares were all small, but amounted in the aggregate to about 70,000 pounds. Owing to the rough weather the past week the receipts of fish have been very light, and the dealers have had great difficulty in filling their orders.

The arrivals were: Schs. Albert D. Willard, with 5000 pounds; Edmund F. Black, 4000; Richard J. Nunan, 12,000; Katie L. Palmer, 2000; Lochinvar, 6000; Lizzie May, 3000; Bernie and Bessie, 5000; A. P. Parkhurst, 3000; Fanny Hayden, 600; Wesley Sinnett, 7000; Island Gem, 1500; Sloops Minerva, with 5000 pounds fish; Crusader, 2500; Pantooset, 2500.

The little fishing schooner owned by George Darling, which went ashore at South Portland during the gale of Wednesday last, still remains on the rocks. No effort has been made to float her, and she is likely to go to pieces in the next gale.

Only one fish arrival was reported at Commercial wharf Tuesday, the clipper sch. Paragon, Capt. William Herman, coming into this port from Le Have Banks with 15,000 pounds of salt cod, 8000 pounds of halibut and 6000 pounds of market fish, all of which were sold to the local dealers. The halibut fare came at an opportune time as the market was completely bare of this kind of fish and the crew of the Paragon received 10 cents a pound right through for the gray and white variety.

The skipper reports very windy weather on the banks and off the Cape Sable coast, and as a result fishing operations were seriously handicapped, as they could not make a set of their trawls on a number of days, but when the weather was good they made up for lost time as the trip shows. The Paragon has been out on this trip 19 days from Gloucester, but they have fared better than the majority of the other vessels fishing on the banks. The Paragon took on board a supply of provisions and bait and will proceed at once from here directly to the fishing grounds.

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PACIFIC CODFISH DEALERS AT ODDS

Talk of Restricting the Catch Next Season.

Evidently all is not harmony among the big salt cod producing and shipping concerns on the Pacific coast. The San Francisco dealers claim to be trying to advance the price, but claim that the Puget Sound dealers are selling at less than the cost of production. The dealers have a very large stock on hand as the season's catch was unusually large and are now talking for a restriction of the catch next season in order to make prices that will warrant them continuing in business.

Speaking of the matter the Pacific Fisherman has the following interesting article in its last issue, which will make interesting reading here:

"No more codfish have arrived at San Francisco from the north since last report, and the market has been working into a little better condition. All offerings are out of the fresh pack, which is moving to some extent under a seasonable demand.

"Mr. Colety of the Atlantic Codfish Company, says that eastern codfish is still quiet, with low prices.

Alfred Greenebaum, of the Alaska Codfish Company, says: Our sch. John D. Spreckles is now on the berth, loading for the Alaska stations for winter fishing. She will get away in a few days with supplies for the winter and a few fishermen. Conditions here have not changed materially."

"C. P. Overton, of the Union Fish Company, says: "The schooner Stanley, of the Union Fish Company, sailed for Pirate Cove, October 17. All the vessels that were fishing from this port in 1909 have arrived with a full catch and its distribution among the different companies is now completed for the year. All the codfish in first hands at this port is concentrated in the hands of this company and one other. The total stock, while large, really in excess of the immediate requirements of the market, is strongly held, and with the usual fair demand which exists in the fall prices may be said to be fairly firm. This condition will probably continue until the trade slacks up with the advent of rainy weather, when there will be the usual disposition to make concessions to secure business. The San Francisco packers have been using every effort to get better prices in outside markets, but have been hampered in this by the low prices made by Sound packers. We have every hope that packers on Puget Sound will realize the folly of selling codfish for less than cost of production and will unite in making prices that will at least warrant our continuing to do business. This will probably be best accomplished by a general restricting of the catch, not only from Puget Sound, but also from this port, to such quantities as can be readily sold while they are still in good condition, and at such profit as is customary in all other lines of business. The experience of the past two or three years has demonstrated that it is unsafe to rely upon the eastern market as a means of getting rid of the surplus catch, only such quantity as our home market will readily absorb. The facilities of companies now in existence are such that if they are all employed they will inevitably produce a surplus, with the consequent demoralization of prices."

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EASTERLY CAUSES FEW ARRIVALS.

High Wind Still Keeps Market Boats in Port.

The easterly still holds and as expected, fishing arrivals are few and far between. Yesterday afternoon sch. Grace Darling came in with 2000 pounds of pollock and this morning sch. Ingomar from Western Bank is the only arrival.